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## **Man Pleads to Stealing from Elderly Victims Seeking Mortgage Modifications**

A 30-year-old man entered a no contest plea today for bilking three elderly women out of thousands of dollars while claiming to help them obtain a mortgage modification, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jovanny Malka of North Hollywood pleaded to one count of grand theft of personal property exceeding \$950 in case PA083477.

Malka will face three years of formal probation and 30 days of community labor at a sentencing hearing scheduled for Jan. 8 in Department I of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

As part of the negotiated plea, the defendant will pay restitution in full to all three victims.

From April 2012 to November 2013, Malka took more than \$50,000 from three women ages 67, 69 and 72 claiming he would help them get mortgage modifications, the prosecutor said.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Station.

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### **About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office**

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.